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Comments on the proposed conservation of the specific name *Papilio eurymedon*

Lucas, 1852 (Insecta, Lepidoptera)

(Case 3222; see BZN **59**: 114–116; 204)

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Even though this application involves a situation in which reversal of precedence does not require Commission action (see Article 23.9.2), the case was brought to the Commission for suppression of the senior name in response to Recommendation 23A of the Code. Before the Commission can vote on the issue of suppression, the authors must show evidence that the conditions of Article 23.9.1.2 have been met. The junior name, *Papilio eurymedon* Lucas, 1852, must have been used in at least 25 works, published by at least 10 authors in the immediately preceding 50 years and encompassing a span of not less than 10 years.

This evidence was presented in the original application, but incorrectly edited from the published version. In addition to references published with the application, the evidence that the conditions of Article 23.9.1.2 are met in this case is as follows: Dos Passos (1964, p. 36), Emmel & Emmel (1973, p. 15), Lewis (1973, p. 12), Howe (1975, p. 400), Tyler (1975, p. 81), Orsak (1977, p. 66), Dornfield (1980, p. 42), Ferris & Brown (1980, p. 188), Miller & Brown (1981, p. 67), Hodges et al. (1983, p. 50), Beutelspacher (1984, p. 62), Collins & Morris (1985, p. 84), Emmel (1991, p. 69), Brown et al. (1992, p. 54), Emmel et al. (1992, p. 47), Feltwell (1992, p. 28), Miller (1992, p. 40), Feltwell (1993, p. 58), Stanford & Opler (1993, p. 109), Toliver et al. (1994, p. 121), Tyler et al. (1994, pl. 94), Bird et al. (1995, p. 107), Llorente et al. (1997, p. 52), Layberry et al. (1998, p. 89), plus numerous other scientific papers and popular field guides to western American butterflies of the past fifty years.

In the light of this evidence, the name *Papilio eurymedon* Lucas, 1852 is a nomen protectum under the conditions of Article 23.9.2 of the Code and the name *Papilio antinous* Donovan, 1805, which has never been used, is a nomen oblitum.

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This case presents an application to suppress the name *Papilio antinous* Donovan, 1805, in favour of the younger name, *Papilio eurymedon* Lucas, 1852. The authors make a well-presented case for reversal of precedence (Article 23.9), which does not have to be brought before the Commission since it meets the conditions of Articles 23.9.1.1 and 23.9.1.2 (see the comment above). However, in bringing a case for suppression to the Commission (as per Recommendation 23A) they unfortunately do not give any justification for such action of the name *antinous*. Without knowing why the name must be suppressed rather than just using reversal of precedence, I cannot support this application.